

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Toru SANO

Appln. No.: 10/536,798

Confirmation No.: 4489

Filed: May 27, 2005

For: SEPARATION APPARATUS AND SEPARATION METHOD

Docket No: Q88016

Group Art Unit: 1723

Examiner: Ernest G. Therkorn

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated September 26, 2007. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-6, for examination. This election is made without traverse.

In response to the Examiner's Requirement Applicant elects Species I, (an electrode containing) and Species II (a fine channel) in which claim 1, claim 3, claim 4_{1,3}, claim 5_{1,3,4} and claim 6_{1,3,4,5} read on the elected species. Claim 1 is generic to both species. This Species election is without traverse.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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